

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 1990 as Country Music Month. I invite all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 6206 of October 17, 1990**

**National Drug-Free Schools and Communities Education and Awareness Day, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

Our Nation's efforts to eliminate the scourge of illicit drug use and trafficking—efforts made in cooperation with other countries and conducted at all levels of law enforcement—have begun to bear fruit. In many parts of the United States today cocaine is harder to find, more expensive, and less pure than it was one year ago. Drug cartels that once seemed invincible have seen their operations significantly disrupted. Last month, new survey research released by the Partnership for a Drug Free America confirmed a trend already observed in other surveys and government indicators: a turn away from drugs in American attitudes and behavior, especially among young people, fewer of whom are using drugs than at any time since 1979. Such progress accentuates the importance of maintaining a strong, united front among government officials, law enforcement personnel, parents, educators, and business and community leaders as we wage the war against drugs.

Although we have made important advances in the struggle to reclaim our schools and communities from the deadly influence of drug dealers, we know that there is still much work to do. Each day the news brings grim reminders of the violence and despair caused by substance abuse. Illicit drug use and its consequences affect Americans of every age, every region, every race, and every walk of life. The toll in terms of health care costs and other economic losses is enormous. The toll in terms of personal suffering and wasted human potential is incalculable.

The high price imposed on our society by drugs underscores the need for education and other efforts aimed at prevention. We must teach young Americans about the dangers of experimenting with drugs, and we must refuse to tolerate in our communities the merchants of death who deal them. Because children learn by example, we must also ensure that our own lives reflect strong values, respect for the law, and a sense of personal responsibility and concern for others.

Securing a drug-free future for every American school and community will require the personal commitment and sustained cooperation of parents, students, teachers, law enforcement personnel, members of the

clergy, elected officials, and business and community leaders. On this occasion, let us renew our determination to promote policies, educational programs, and activities designed to deter drug use, and let us reaffirm our commitment to helping drug-addicted individuals in need of rehabilitation.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 304, has designated October 17, 1990, as "National Drug-Free Schools and Communities Education and Awareness Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 17, 1990, as National Drug-Free Schools and Communities Education and Awareness Day. I urge all Americans and their elected representatives at every level of government to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

#### **Proclamation 6207 of October 17, 1990**

#### **Veterans Day, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

The Bible tells us that no greater love has a man than this: to lay down his life for a friend. Our Nation's military veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, were willing to put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others. Each November 11, we pause with solemn pride and heartfelt gratitude to honor this special group of Americans. The sacrifices they have made for our sake—and, indeed, for the sake of millions of freedom-loving men and women around the world—can never be forgotten. Their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us.

This Nation's veterans have made their stand for freedom and democratic ideals from the Argonne Forest to the windswept Aleutian Islands, from the searing deserts of North Africa to the steep hills and dense jungles of Southeast Asia. Some have defended the cause of individual liberty and self-government in more recent conflicts and less remote places, such as Grenada and Panama. They have seen comrades-in-arms fall on the field of battle, giving "the last full measure of devotion" for our country and the vision of freedom and justice we hold dear. They, too, have suffered and sacrificed, carrying on the light of liberty with efforts that have been equally selfless and heroic.

It is fitting that we pause on the anniversary of "Armistice Day," a day of peace and celebration, to honor America's veterans and to express